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| Application Number | 09/728,896 |
| Filing Date | December 1, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Dan A. Steinberg, et al. |
| Art Unit | 2877 |
| Examiner Name | Michael P. Mooney |
| Attorney Docket Number | Shipley 03-05; DN: 51953 |

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Examiner Name: Michael P. Mooney

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Attorney Docket Number: Shipley 03-05

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Fee

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